

### REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that said retaining means comprises at least one elastic treat positioning loop. No new matter has been added and it is believed that the status of allowed claim 1 should remain unchanged.

Claims 2 - 3 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, set forth in Paragraph 6 of the Office Action.

Claims 4 -14 have been cancelled.

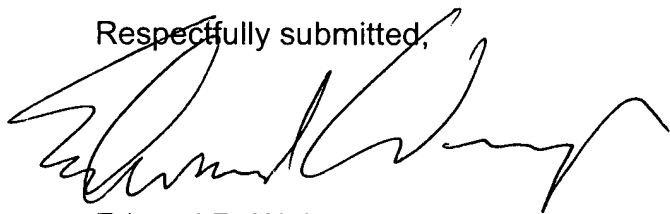
New claims 15 -17 have been added. Claims 1-3 and new claims 15 -17 remain pending in the application.

In response to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Abstract has been amended.

It is believed that the amendments herein fully satisfy the Examiner's objections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing Amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the merits, including entry of all requested amendments and allowance of claims 1-3 and 15-17 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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